GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
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HIGH COURTS FOR STATES
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which do not have their own High Courts;

(b) the yardstick for setting up of independent High Court for State;

(c) the number of cases which are now pending in the Apex Court and High Courts;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating any legislation which enables our courts to deliver justice in a speedy manner; and

(e) if so, when?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a)& (b): There is no separate High Court for, Goa, Haryana, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura and all Union Territories except Delhi. The jurisdiction of Bombay High Court extends to Goa. The States of Punjab & Haryana have a common High Court. Besides having its principal seat at Assam, the Gauhati High Court has Benches in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.

(c): As on 31st December, 2004, 14,995 admission matters and 15,156 regular hearing matters were pending in the Supreme Court. 33,43,952 cases are pending in the various High Courts.

(d) & (e): The Government of India have taken various steps for speedy disposal of cases which include setting up of fast track courts, amendment to the Civil Procedure Codes, permanent adalats for disputes relating to public utilities, increase in the number of posts of Judges, establishment of special courts/tribunals, improvement in the standard of legal education, adoption of alternative modes of disputes resolution, such as arbitration and conciliation.